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1. CHIEF OF STATE THIEU MET AUG 19 WITH ABOUT 20 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. ACCORDYING TO CORRESPONDENT WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE THIEU EXPRESSED "MODERATE CONFIDENCE" THAT HE WILL WIN THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE CHARACTERIZED HIS PRINCIPAL HUONG AND SUU, AS GOOD NATIONALISTS WHOM HE WOULD SUPPORT WERE EITHER OF THEM TO WIN THE ELECTION. THIEU APPARENTLY DWELT AT LENGTH ON THIS SUBJECT, SPECIFICALLY RULING OUT POSSIBILITY OF A COUP IF A CIVILIAN OPPONENT IS ELECTED. AS FOR CHARGES

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PREPARED TO INVESTIGAE THEM.

2. THIEU WAS CRITICAL OF OPINIONS BEING VOICED ABOUT VIETNAM'S ELECTIONS BY US LEGISLATORS. HE COMMENTED THAT SOME US POLITICIANS ARE USING VIETNAMESE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TO START THEIR OWN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

3. THIEU AGAIN STATED HE FAVORED BOMBING PAUSE AFTER ELECTION AND THOUGHTSUCH A PAUSE WOULD BE A "GOOD GESTURE". AT THE SAME TIME THIEU SAID HE THOUGH BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED.
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